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Construction of a bridge across the Muniyeru in Nandigama taluk.

* 464 Q.—SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what is the amount allotted for the construction of a bridge across Muniyeru, Nandigama taluk, in the year 1951–52 and what is the actual expenditure incurred; and

(b) at what stage the work stands now?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The amount allotted for the work in the Budget Estimate for 1951–52 was Rs. 2 lakhs. No expenditure was, however, incurred on the work, as the investigation of the work was not completed.

" (b) Rough proposals submitted by the Divisional Engineer (Highways) Designs, for the construction of a submersible bridge at a cost of Rs. 2,20,000, in lieu of the bridge work previously sanctioned, are now under the scrutiny of the Chief Engineer (Highways), and the work will be taken up for execution in due course subject to the availability of funds."

House-rent allowance drawn by Hon. Ministers.

* 465 Q.—SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO (on behalf of Sri S. S. Kolkebail) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many Ministers are drawing house-rent allowance while they are having their own houses in the City of Madras; and

(b) if so, the names of such Ministers?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"(a) & (b) House allowance is being paid to two of the Ministers, Sri Sethupathi and Dr. U. Krishna Rao.

" The Chief Minister is living in a house belonging to his children but he has also taken on rent another house for additional accommodation.

" The ownership of the house in the occupation of the Minister for Rural Welfare vests in the Construction Society and will continue to be so for nine years more."

Alleged booking of " B " Memoranda in the names of political sufferers in Ongole.

* 466 Q.—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Collector, Ongole, issued instructions to his subordinates in the year 1950 that the " B " Memoranda be booked in the names of the political sufferers for the lands they applied for, in spite of the fact that the lands were under the encroachment of the landless poor and other sections of the people;